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1. A railroadman stated that on 12 April 1952, 23 T-34/85 tanks were loaded for Schwepnitz (N 52/A 32) at the Bautzen (O 52/A 60) railroad station. They were followed by 12 JS-3 tanks and radio truck [REDACTED] on 14 April 1952. (1) 25X1

2. A troop train with 4 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 15 trucks [REDACTED] 12 sidecar motorcycles and 2 BA-64 armored scout cars passed through the Hohenbocka (N 52/A 33) railroad station toward Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) on 19 April 1952. (2)

3. During the period from 13 to 15 April 1952, the unit stationed in the Bohnitzsch Kaserne, 5 km east of Weissen (N 52/T 09), was loaded at the Weissen freight station for transfer to the troop training grounds. The train left toward Riesa (N 52/E 81). The following shipments were loaded:

13 April. Fifty-three T-34 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1 and about 270 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia on two trains.

14 April. Three T-34 tanks, 2 JS-2 tanks and 3 T-34 tank hulls.

15 April. Nine T-34 tanks, 4 x 57-mm AT guns and 11 trucks. Vehicles left toward Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) by road during the same period. [REDACTED] 25X1

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4. On 9 April 1952, 12 trucks [REDACTED] and a few trucks [REDACTED] carried 500 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying rifles, submachine guns, rucksacks and trenching tools and accompanied by 30 officers, arrived at the Artillerie Kaserne east of Leninstrasse in Chemnitz

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(N 51/K 66). A total of 15 officers and 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with rifles were seen daily at combat training in the Zeisigwald between 7 and 11 April.

5. A total of 10 officers and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with rifles daily left the Infanterie Kaserne east of Leninstrasse for infantry combat training in the Zeisigwald between 7 and 11 April. (4)

6. On 15 April 1952, the Reuss Kaserne in Gera (N 51/K 06) was occupied by about 3,200 soldiers. Caterpillar tractor [redacted] towing a 76.2-mm AT gun entered the installation. A resident stated that an advance party of about 200 soldiers left the post by rail in the evening of 16 April. On 17 April, the troops were packing. Trucks [redacted] continuously hauled ammunition from the Tinz ammunition depot for an unknown destination. [redacted] they did not go to the freight station. Other trucks continuously hauled billeting equipment to the freight station. [redacted]

The hauling operations were continued on 18 April. About 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia with 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 18 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 20 heavy guns and 30 light guns, 58 prime movers, 6 tank cars, 16 field kitchens and 160 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the freight station on the same day, coming from the Reuss Kaserne. Additional columns which did not belong to the post were seen on the roads in the vicinity and on the autobahn. (5)

7. The Panzer Kaserne in Tinz north of Gera was occupied by 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets since 15 April 1952. No activity was noticed. (6)

8. During the period from 10 to 15 April 1952, about 3,000 soldiers left the Kindel (N 51/H 96) troop training grounds toward Langensalza (N 52/J 03). Only small detachments were still at the troop training grounds on 15 April and later. [redacted]

Comments.

- (1) The information indicates that the first components of the 14th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div had moved to Koenigsbrueck.
- (2) [redacted] a train of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. Elements of the division from Leipzig and Grimma have already arrived in Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]
- (3) The information indicates that about 70 tanks were loaded in Weissen. As this number would be too high for the 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div which is stationed there, it is possible that the unidentified tank training battalion which was only vaguely believed to be stationed in Riesa or Oschatz, is also stationed in Weissen. Either Koenigsbrueck or Zeithain may serve as training area.
- (4) The present information is further confirmation for the assumption that a still unidentified training battalion is stationed in the barracks installations on Leninstrasse in Chemnitz. The vehicles belong to the BGB and to the army troops of the First Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]

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- (5) The information indicates that an AT artillery regiment and a mixed artillery regiment of the AT artillery brigade stationed there have probably been entrained from the Reuss Kaserne in Gera. As components of this brigade were seen in Ohrdruf in late March 1952, there is a possibility that these components may also have gone to Ohrdruf. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted]
- (6) There is no change in the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne in Finz. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted]
- (7) This information needs further confirmation. On 14 April 1952, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] reported about 3,500 soldiers in Camp Ettenhausen who, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] probably belong to the howitzer artillery regiments of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, the 39th and the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted], The direction of Langensalza suggests the training area west of Naumburg where the command post exercise had been held in March 1952. Various other reports and rumors create the impression that a summer training camp for about one division is scheduled to take place in that area, specifically in the area of the Finne between Lossa and Wiche. [redacted] 25X1

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